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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES IN THE SUDAN

REF: (A) STATE 154536

(B) KHARTOUM 2441

1. QUERIED PURSUANT PARA 3, REF A, UNHCR CASE OFFICER (M'KANDA) STATED THAT PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFTELS WERE FAMILIAR TO UNHCR, AND THAT MANY COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE, WERE CONFRONTED WITH DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM INFLOW OF ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES. M'KANDA SAID THAT BULK OF "VERY ERUDITE" REFUGEES ESPECIALLY ERITREANS PURSUING THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, WERE LEAVING RURAL RESETTLEMENT AREAS OF SUDAN FOR KHARTOUM, WHERE THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT WAS "VERY GENEROUS" IN FACILITATING THEIR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. M'KANDA SAID THAT EVEN IN KHARTOUM HOWEVER CONDITIONS WERE "NOT SUITABLE" FOR THIS CATEGORY

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OF PEOPLE. HE ESTIMATED THAT PRESENT REFUGEE POPULATION IN KHARTOUM ITSELF WAS BETWEEN 10,000 AND 15,000.

2. AS TO CONDITIONS IN THE CAMPS, M'KANDA DESCRIBED THT AS "RUDIMENTARY", ALTHOUGH ACCEPTABLE FOR A RURAL CLASS PEOPLE. HE JUDGED CURRENT POPULATIONS IN THE CAMPS AS 30,000 ERITREANS AND 15,000 NON-ERITREANS. IN ADDITION,

M'KANDA SAID, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THAT NUMBER  
IN SUDAN OUTSIDE THE CAMPS. HE KNEW OF NO CONSTRAINTS  
EXERCISED UPON THE REFUGEES EITHER IN THE CAMPS OR OUTSIDE.  
3. M'KANDA STATED THAT UNHCR WAS VISITING THE CAMPS AT  
REGULAR INTERVALS FROM ITS SUB-OFFICE IN KASSALA WHERE IT  
HAS A STAFF OF TWO. VANDEN HEUVEL

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